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SUBJECT: US-UK INDIAN OCEAN TALKS

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1. REUTER'S OCT. 21 ITEM DATED LONDON INDICATES BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN RESPONDED TO QUERIES BY CONFIRMING THAT US AND UK OFFICIALS WILL CONSULT ON INDIAN OCEAN NEXT WEEK IN WASHINGTON. YOU MAY USE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO PRESS OR HOST GOVERNMENT QUERIES ON "IF ASKED" BASIS.

2. THE US AND UK WILL HOLD IN WASHINGTON, ON OCT. 29 AND 30, A ROUTINE SERIES OF TALKS BETWEEN RESPECTIVE OFFICIALS ON POLITICO-MILITARY MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA. THESE DISCUSSIONS OCCUR ON A PERIODIC BASIS, GENERALLY ABOUT EVERY SIX MONTHS (LAST PREVIOUSLY IN MAY 1974), ALTERNATELY IN LONDON AND WASHINGTON. THE TALKS DO NOT INVOLVE NEGOTIATIONS, COMMITMENTS, OR AGREEMENTS, BUT ARE SIMPLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OFFICIALS WITH SIMILAR RESPONSIBILITIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

3. IN EVENT YOU ARE PRESSED ABOUT DIEGO GARCIA, YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT DIEGO OBVIOUSLY WILL COME UP IN TERMS OF ITS ROLE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA, BUT THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE TALKS IS NOT INTENDED TO BE A REVIEW OF US EXPANSION PLANS FOR THE ISLAND, NOR A DISCUSSION OF HMG'S REVIEW OF THESE PLANS.

4. FYI. US SIDE WILL BE LED BY GEORGE VEST, DIRECTOR OF POLITICO-MILITARY AFFAIRS BUREAU; UK SIDE, FCO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY JOHN THOMSON. END FYI. KISSINGER

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